

Biosynthesis and Extracellular Concentrations of N,N-dimethyltryptamine (DMT) in Mammalian Brain

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Figure S1. Positive and negative controls versus experimental duplex staining. All positive controls are an RTU mixture of two probes targeting PPIB and POLR2A “housekeeping” genes and negative controls targeting *dapB*, a bacteria specific gene. *PPIB* is in the pink/red channel and *POLR2A* is in the green channel in all positive control images. **(A)** Positive control on rat visual cortex tissue section demonstrating sensitivity of the *in situ* procedure. Several brain cells can be seen double-positive (green and pink staining) for both probes. **(B)** Negative control on an adjacent section of rat visual cortex demonstrating absence of staining when the bacteria specific *in situ* probe is applied to the tissue. **(C)** Results from ImageJ analysis of summated fraction of total area (pixels²) for both green INMT mRNA and pink AADC mRNA probe staining for the original rat visual cortex tissue image in Fig. 2A versus the staining for positive and negative control probes in **(A)** and **(B)** demonstrating similar positive staining signal strength and minimal off-target nonspecific staining (negative control). Similar results were found when these same positive and negative control probes were applied to and quantified versus experimental images in Figs. 2B-D for rat **(D-F)** hippocampal, **(G-I)** pineal and **(J-L)** choroid plexus tissues. Nuclear counterstain (blue/gray staining in all images) identifies all cells/nuclei = 50% hematoxylin. All images = 100x oil magnification. Histology sections are all coronal.

